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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph below for that on page 5 of the specification beginning at line 27.

Figure 2 shows the upper portion of the separator in greater detail. The two-part piston shaft 14 includes an upper piston shaft 50 with a coupling portion 52, and a lower piston shaft 54. The manner in which the upper and lower piston shafts 50 and 54 engage each other is described below. Figure 2 also shows piston seals 56 that seal the interface between the piston 12 and the inner surface of the bowl 13. The seals 56 are of the type commonly referred to as O-ring loaded lip seals, and are made of a ~~Teflon-containing~~ TEFLON-containing (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, 1007 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19898) elastomeric material. Centrate seals 57 of similar construction seal the interface between the centrate valve 34 and the upper part of the piston 12 when the centrate valve 34 is closed.